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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/30/00
 This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1 - 44 is/are pending in the application.
 Of the above claim(s) 29 - 32, 36, 38 - 44 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 Claim(s) 1 - 28, 33 - 35, 37 is/are rejected.
 Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.
- The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
 - received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- Other _____

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-23, 27, 28, 33-35, 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolf et al. In view of Fanchon et al.

Wolf et al. teach an anti-acne composition comprising a carrier (Abstract). Protein and dendritic polymers are specified (column 2 lines 38-42, column 3 lines 39-40). Emulsions are specified (column 4 lines 42-44). Titanium oxide is specified (column 6 line 34). Stearic acid and Jojoba oil are disclosed (column 5 line 53 and column 6 line 50).

Fanchon et al. teach anti-acne compositions containing antioxidants and nanopigments as active agents (title, Abstract, column 7 lines 7-9, 11, 13, 29-30).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to add an antioxidant and nanopigments to the composition of Wolf et al. To achieve the beneficial effect of additional anti-acne actives in view of Fanchon et al.

Claims 24-26 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolf et al. as applied to claim in view of Fanchon et al. above, and further in view of 1-23, 27, 28, 33-35, 37. Garrison et al.

Garrison et al. teach the chelator EDTA in anti-acne compositions to sequester discoloration-causing metal ions. (Column 4 lines 3-4)

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to add a EDTA to the composition of Wolf et al. for the beneficial effect of preventing discoloration in view of Garrison et al.

Applicants argue laundry ^s_{lit}. However, dentritic polymers are not merely recited ⁱⁿ a list but discussed in some detail (column 3 lines 39-56). Motivation to combining ^e_{Garrison}, contrary to applicants' assertion, is provided.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 1 lines 3,6, what U.S. serial #s?

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

This application contains claim 29-32, 36, 38-44 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in Paper No. 7. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancelation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

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